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## Boat gets the boot

DECOMMISSIONING

**MS Lord Selkirk II to be removed from river at last**



The MS Lord Selkirk II  
CONTRIBUTED



**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg

After more than two decades, Selkirk's greatest eyesore is finally setting sail for good.

An announcement about the upcoming decommissioning of The Lord Selkirk II is expected Friday.

The former cruise ship sailed from 1969 until 1990 when it was abandoned by its owner in the Selkirk Slough, just adjacent to the Red River.

The rotting corpse of the ship is visible from a number

of Selkirk homes and in the heavily used Selkirk Park, and recent tests have shown it is leaching a number of dangerous toxins into the Red River.

In 2012, the ship caught fire due to suspected arson and suffered extensive damage.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johnson told Metro that the city and province will split the cost of decommissioning the vessel, and a tender has been awarded for the work.

Repeated attempts to get federal funding for the job have been unsuccessful.



## Toews gets Manitoba's highest honour

Chicago Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews was one of 12 Manitobans invested into the Order of Manitoba during a ceremony at the Legislative Building Thursday. Joining Toews were musicians Tom Cochrane and Chad Allan. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Q: What happened initially when you started with U Weight Loss Clinic?

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Q: So what did you like most about the program?

A: I get to pick my own meal plans and the constant encouragement from the staff. I definitely would not be where I am today with the weight if it wasn't for them.

Q: What made this program different than other diets you tried?

A: U Weight Loss isn't a diet. It is a lifestyle change. I have learned so much about my body fat, about food products, and how much I should be eating.

Q: What kinds of foods did you combine? What are some of your favourite combinations?

A: I had hundreds of recipes to choose from. One of my favourites is the Turkey Chili.

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## IN BRIEF

### Accused in letter bombing case appears in court

A Winnipeg man accused of sending letter bombs to his ex-wife and two law firms appeared briefly in court via video link.

Guido Amsel continues to be kept in custody and is due back in court July 16. Amsel has not retained a lawyer so far and has not indicated whether he will seek bail. He has not entered pleas to charges that include attempted murder.

The 49-year-old was arrested last weekend after explosives were sent to his ex-wife's



Guido Amsel

workplace and a law firm connected to legal battles between the former couple. Two bombs were detonated safely, but one exploded and caused severe injuries to lawyer Maria Mitousis.

The city has been on edge since the attacks, after citizens started reporting numerous suspicious packages, most of them false alarms. The latest was outside a strip mall on Wednesday.

The Winnipeg police bomb squad aimed a water cannon at the item, and a small explosion was heard.

Police later confirmed the package, which appeared to be an oil can, was not a bomb. METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Save-On-Foods brings stores, jobs to the 'Peg

## RETAIL

### Chain to set up three stores next fall



Dave Baxter  
Metro | Winnipeg

A new grocery chain is setting up shop in Winnipeg next year, and expects to bring hundreds of new jobs with it.

B.C.-based Save-On-Foods plans to open three stores in Winnipeg next fall at the Northgate Shopping Centre, St. James Station in the old Future Shop building, and at Bridgewater Forest's townsite.

"The three stores here should create 400 or 500 jobs, usually 150 per store," said Save-On-Foods president Darrell Jones.

The recent Sobeys' takeover of Safeway in Winnipeg meant



**We go to each community and see what is the make-up of the community and what the folks really want.**

Save-On-Foods president Darrell Jones



Save-On-Foods president Darrell Jones and owner Jim Pattison hold up an artist's rendering of what their new Northgate Shopping Centre store could look like. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

it was a good time for the chain to set up shop here, said Jones.

"There's one less competitor in the marketplace because they are now one company, so it does give you an opportunity. But we've had our eye on Winnipeg a lot longer than that."

The appeal of Save-On-Foods is they don't open "cookie cut-

ter" stores, said Jones.

"We go to each community and see what is the make-up of the community and what do the folks really want."

Jones said the chain has an "aggressive" plan to expand in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and hopes to eventually open as many as 12 stores in Winni-

peg, which would create hundreds of jobs.

The need for grocery stores in downtown Winnipeg is something Jones said they are aware of, but would not say if Winnipeg's core is in their plans.

"We're willing to take on anything that makes sense for us if we can do the right thing

for the community, but what we don't want to do is take on a store that we can't properly provide for the people in that community."

The first three stores in Winnipeg are expected to be between 40,000 and 65,000 square feet, and be open by next October.

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Community elder Grace Redsky, from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, performs a water healing ceremony Thursday at a man-made channel made to support Winnipeg's water system, but which has cut off the reserve from the mainland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Groups band together to support Shoal Lake

## COMMUNITY

### Campaign wants action on clean water, road build

The campaign to help an isolated reserve that has been without clean water for almost two decades is intensifying as churches and musicians join leaders of Canada's opposition parties in a call for action.

Shoal Lake 40 First Nation — which straddles the Ontario-Manitoba boundary — was cut off from the mainland a century ago when an aqueduct was built to supply fresh water to Winnipeg. The reserve has no all-weather road and has been under one of the longest boil-water advisories in Canada.

A multi-faith group in Win-

nipeg is kicking off 10 days of action in support of the reserve on Friday.

Lynda Trono, community minister with West Broadway Community Ministry, said people are appalled the federal government has refused to help fund construction of a much-needed road.

"We really are outraged by this refusal of the federal government to recognize a human right for an indigenous community," she said. "I'm still in disbelief about how you can apologize to First Nations, go through a truth and reconciliation process and then deny a community access to fresh water with a road."

The city of Winnipeg, government of Manitoba and the federal government are sharing the cost of a \$3-million design study for a road. Winnipeg and Manitoba have also commit-

“It's just in-your-face awful.”

Lynda Trono, community minister

ted to funding construction of the road.

Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford, the MP for the Shoal Lake 40 area, left residents in tears last month when he visited the band but refused to make the same commitment. A crowdfunding campaign is attempting to raise Ottawa's estimated \$10-million share of road construction costs.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair both criticized the federal Conservatives earlier this week

for their failure to commit to Freedom Road, as it's called by residents.

Reserve residents have said every year people risk their lives walking across the ice trying to get to their front door. Some have died. The aging ferry residents rely on in the summer temporarily failed to pass government inspection in the spring, which prompted the reserve to declare a state of emergency. "It's just in-your-face awful," Trono said.

The group is rolling out a "road-like" letter as long as a city block for people to sign. Plans are to send it to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. A large thank-you card for the reserve is also being circulated for Winnipeg residents to sign.

A website is planned where churches across Canada can upload photos of signs declaring support for the reserve. A col-

lage of the signs is to be sent to every Canadian MP.

Canadian Christian musician Steve Bell has written a song dedicated to the First Nation and is asking fans to sign a petition to correct "a shameful situation."

An all-weather road which ensures people can safely make it to their front door is "not too much to ask," he said.

"If we can't do this, we can't do anything. There can be a lot of power in this for healing. There can be a lot of power in this for further damage."

Emily Hillstrom, spokeswoman for Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt, declined to comment on the campaign. She instead referred to a recent e-mailed statement which said a "decision on funding the road itself will be made when that design study is completed." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## COURTS

### Driver in crash gets two years

A young driver has been sentenced to two years in custody for a crash in Winnipeg that killed two people and injured three others.

Court heard the woman, who was 17 at the time of the crash in 2010, was speeding and texting. She had also been drinking.

The woman, now 22, pleaded guilty in youth court to criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm. A judge refused a Crown request to sentence her as an adult.

Following her custody term, she will also be under mandatory community supervision for one year.

The Crown had asked that she serve five years in prison as an adult. The defence requested a youth sentence of one year in custody.

The woman cried as she was led out of the court in handcuffs and family and friends of the victims hugged each other in the hallway.

"I feel like we were not given justice for these two girls that passed away and of course the three others that survived with the psychological effect and the physical effect of this," said Anita Subramaniam.

Her younger sister, 17-year-old Amutha Subramaniam, died in the crash along with Senhit Mehari, 19.

Lysbeth Arthur survived, but suffered brain damage and had to learn to walk and talk again. She said outside court what she has gone through should be taken into account in court.

"Even just emotional, psychological injury is not something that we should look at as less than death. Because those things stay with you."

The Crown had alleged the driver planned to drink and drive that night, based on a text message exchange with a friend. After attending two parties, her friends tried to take her keys away but were unsuccessful.

Evidence showed she was texting and going 20 km/h over the speed limit while on cruise control, when her car collided with the victims' vehicle at an south side intersection. Her blood alcohol level was .07.

Psychologists said the woman is being treated for post-traumatic stress disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. They said she has expressed remorse and is a low risk to reoffend.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Siloam Mission to receive its digital sign

A city committee has overruled its planning department and will let Siloam Mission erect a digital sign on its building. Siloam Mission has been fighting to erect the sign on the north-facing wall of its Princess Street building to solicit do-

nations since the city's planning department originally turned down the sign. The planning department's rejection was because the city wants to avoid digital signs on buildings with heritage status. It has been reported the city's downtown development committee overruled the planning depart-

ment on Tuesday, and will allow the mission to erect the sign. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

### Winnipeg police ask for help finding arson suspects

Police are looking for three young suspects in connection with a fire at a vacant apartment block on Bannatyne Avenue on May 10. Pa-

trolling officers first noticed the blaze at the building in the 500 block of Bannatyne Avenue shortly after 11 a.m. The fire caused \$2.4 million in damages and is believed to have been deliberately set. Through an ongoing investigation police now say a second fire was also set nearby around 12:30 a.m.

and police believe the same suspects are responsible for both fires. They say three youths wearing dark clothing were observed in the area. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects is asked to call police at 204-986-6813, or Winnipeg CrimeStoppers at 204-786-TIPS. METRO



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# BIZ putting priority on patios

## DOWNTOWN

### Program helps restaurants, bars through permit process



**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

It's no secret nearly everyone prefers to eat and drink in the outdoors during the summer, and the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ is on a mission to make sure Winnipeggers have plenty of options available to enjoy a meal in the sunshine.

Since 2006, the BIZ's patio program has helped bring the number of patios in the downtown area from 22 to 36.

Melanie Andrushko runs the program and explains they're sort of like a middleman between the city and restaurants.

They help business owners first determine whether a patio will work in their space,

and if it does, manoeuvre through the hoops that need to be jumped through with the city to legally get it up and running.

"It's quite a lengthy process, so it's quite difficult for one business to do it on their own," she said. "There's a lot of documents that are needed, there's a lot of back-and-forth with the city, so a lot of businesses kind of shy away from wanting to do it."

"Our role is to take over that communication and those back-and-forth conversations."

The BIZ doesn't charge for

and the railing needed to fence in the patio for their first summer, and the equipment is available to purchase the following year if the owner decides to have a patio again.

"It's been really great," said Casa Burrito co-owner Valerie Bermudez, who used the program to set up her Portage Avenue restaurant's first patio last month.

"In Winnipeg, everyone looks forward to the summers and everyone just wants a nice place to sit outside."

"We have a lot of regulars and they love being offered a spot on our patio."

**It's quite a lengthy process, so it's quite difficult for one business to do it on their own.**

Melanie Andrushko

the work, but bar and restaurant owners are on the hook for the cost of the permits, which Andrushko says cost around \$1,000.

The BIZ also provides the business with tables, chairs

As well as Casa Burrito, the program has helped set up patios at Bar Red Sea and Clay Oven so far this summer, and is currently in the process of getting one up at Fools & Horses on Broadway.



Casa Burrito co-owner Valerie Bermudez says a patio the restaurant set up this summer with the help of a program run through the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ has improved business.

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## MUSIC

### Soca Reggae fest celebrates 10 years of 'that poundin' sound'

**Kenton Smith**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

Its prairie location may be precisely why Winnipeg needs a celebration of music from the Caribbean Islands.

"Winnipeg's a hotbed for music — but not soca and reggae music," said Anthony Hatt, director of operations for the Soca Reggae Music Festival, which until Sunday celebrates its 10th year of bringing its own figurative sunshine to downtown.

Featured performers for 2015 include longtime dancehall star Leroy Gibbons; Juno Award-winner for Best Reggae Recording, Lenn Hammond; and Montreal stalwart Jah Cutter.

#### + TICKET INFO

The Soca Reggae Festival takes place Friday to Sunday at Old Market Square. Daily admission for adults is \$8 and free admission for children under 12. For complete information, visit [socareggaefestival.ca](http://socareggaefestival.ca).



The Soca Reggae festival runs July 10 to 12. CONTRIBUTED

Starting out "very small" in 2006 at Central Park, the fest has since moved to its now annual home at Old Market Square in the Exchange District, having featured such talents as reggae icon Freddie McGregor, as well as one of Canada's top reggae bands, the Juno-nominated Souljah Fyre out of Edmonton.

At the local level, 'Peg outfit Paradize Band has played the fest since its inception.

"We're veterans," said band leader Clyde Heerah. "If it's there, we're there."

Soca, an eclectic modern form of calypso, may be more

obscure for North American listeners — save for the 1983 hit Hot Hot Hot by Arrow (later covered by Buster Poindexter in 1987).

By contrast, "I don't think anyone needs to be introduced to reggae music," Hatt said.

What the festival does offer, however, is the incomparable live experience.

"The difference is, you're actually feeling the music," Hatt enthused. "That poundin' sound at 10 o'clock at night...."

And if it rains?  
"It has in the past," Hatt shrugged. "People have enjoyed it anyway."

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# Canadian Forces troops fight a new enemy: Fire

## SASKATCHEWAN

**200 soldiers endure smoke, ash, 30 C heat to save homes**

"Watch out for the widowers!"

The platoon commander shouts the warning to about 200 soldiers slogging their way through dense brush, blackened trees and smouldering ash in the tiny First Nations community of Montreal Lake, about 250 kilometres north of Saskatoon.

A widemaker is any large branch or treetop no longer attached to a trunk, but still tangled overhead, that could fall at any time.

"Obviously there's the danger of the ash pits and the big concern right now is the burned-out trees — any widowers," says Master Cpl. Casey



**Military personnel set out to fight wildfires in La Ronge, Sask., Wednesday.** THE CANADIAN PRESS/CONTRIBUTED

Zaharoff. "And obviously a flare-up."

Zaharoff is one of the hundreds of Canadian Forces personnel who have traded their camouflage for bright orange fire-fighting jumpsuits to help beat back the flames in an unprecedented forest fire season.

For soldiers in northern Saskatchewan, orange is the new green.

A handful of homes and cabins in the area have already been destroyed by fires. The army was called in this week to help save the rest and get 10,000 people who have fled the smoke and flames back home.

The help is sorely needed.

Crews were holding protective lines around threatened communities Thursday, but

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**t's tough to see the homes destroyed and the damage the fire is causing and it's great we're doing something to ... put them out.**

Cpl. Donny Melsted  
Afghanistan veteran

Steve Roberts with Saskatchewan Wildfire Management said warm, dry conditions and shifting winds could cause more trouble spots.

The soldiers push through the bush in long lines and climb over downed trees to get to ones that are still smoking or to hot spots on the ground. It's dry, smoky, hot work. The temperature was forecast to top 30 C on Thursday.

There is nothing high-tech in what they are doing: Their

main tools are shovels, axes and handheld water sprayers fed by plastic bladders on their backs.

It's challenging, says commanding officer Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker.

"Certainly fatigue and, of course, the heat are some of the threats that our soldiers deal with," he said. "Of course they're wearing protective equipment, goggles, hard hats, coveralls and gloves."

Stalker said there are about 200 soldiers in Montreal Lake and another group about the same size in La Ronge, the largest community under threat. He expects another 60 reservists from Saskatchewan will join the fight on the weekend.

Roberts said the province is looking for more firefighters and equipment from across the country and the United States. It is also working to train hundreds of new people to join the battle in the next few weeks.

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## FOREST FIRES

# Smoke covers the West

Large wildfires raging across Canada have contributed to a smoky haze lingering above the Western U.S., causing spectacular red sunsets in places including Seattle and prompting air quality warnings in Vancouver, and many states.

Parts of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan are ablaze. Alberta said Wednesday it was bringing in 62 firefighters from Mexico to help battle 92 wildfires, including 33 listed as out of control. British Columbia, with more than 180 fires, was bringing in crews from Australia.

The tiny particles of wildfire debris in the air pose a health risk for people with lung disease, older adults and children and anyone who exerts themselves outdoors, said Christopher Dann of Colorado's air pollution control division.

Air quality advisories have also been issued in North and South Dakota. Environment Canada continued to issue special air quality advisories for parts of B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Calderon, Gore say going green can bring the green, too

Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore and former Mexican president Felipe Calderon say fighting climate change will be a boon to the global economy,

despite critics' fears that abandoning fossil fuels will cripple world markets.

On the final day of the Climate Summit of the Americas in Toronto, both tried to dispel the notion that society must choose between economic growth and helping the environment.

"We're seeing in some of the states and provinces reductions in (carbon dioxide) emissions accompanied by economic growth surging," Gore told a crowd of

invitation-only delegates.

"Places like B.C., California, Quebec and Ontario."

Calderon, now chair of the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, echoed Gore's thoughts, saying his organization's research shows economies can grow while reducing greenhouse gas output.

"Sweden increased more than 50 per cent its economic growth and reduced almost 25 per cent its carbon emissions related to

1990," he said. "For the first time in 40 years at the global level, the GDP of the world increased almost three per cent and the emissions didn't grow — in other words we started to decarbonize the economic growth."

Calderon said societies need to fundamentally change their systems, from getting away from fossil fuels, to ending deforestation, to building better cities and retrofitting aging infrastructure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## HAMILTON, ONT.

### Dog attack did not cause man's death

Neighbours heard piercing screams and loud barks as a man was attacked by a dog before he died on a residential street Wednesday night, but an autopsy has revealed the canine assault isn't what killed him.

What was responsible for the unidentified man's death remained a mystery Thursday, with shaken area residents trying to piece together what happened.

Police emphasized, however, that the animal had attacked.

"There was absolutely a dog attack, absolutely. We're confirming that. We're also confirming that that was not the cause of death," Hamilton police spokeswoman Catherine Martin said.

The man was out walking the dog with another man just after 11 p.m. when the incident took place.

A passerby with a baseball bat tried to fend off the animal, and police responding to a flurry of neighbours' 911 calls found the man on the ground. Officers used pepper spray to deter the dog before it was eventually captured with the help of an animal control unit, police said.

Afterwards an autopsy determined the dog attack was not what caused the man's death.

"There's no credible evidence that a dog attack was material in the death process here," said Dr. Jack Stanborough, regional supervising coroner for the Hamilton region.

"My understanding is there was a dog attack. Now whether that was before the death or after the death or during the process I can't tell you ... but I don't see a significant role for the dog attack causing the death."

The man did appear to be injured in the attack, he added, but those injuries were "not material" in his death.

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**I don't see a significant role for the dog attack causing the death.**

Dr. Jack Stanborough

Figuring out just what killed the man will likely take months, Stanborough said, as further testing has to be conducted.

The dog has been identified as a sharpei-fila mix and is now being held by Hamilton's Animal Services department.

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## IN BRIEF

### Canadians hit few targets in Syria as bombing against ISIL continues

The Canadian military reported 18 new air strikes against targets belonging to ISIL, but none in the latest round involve missions over Syria.

In the three months since Parliament granted an expansion of the air campaign only three attacks have been conducted against what the Harper government sometimes described as the heart of the extremist movement.

The U.S.-led coalition has stepped up both the level of

bombing and the public relations campaign since ISIL forces dealt a surprise blow to the Iraqi government and seized control of the strategically important city of Ramadi.

Canadian Navy Capt. Paul Forget says it's clear the tempo of CF-18 missions has increased along with its allies, but he offered no explanation for the dearth of Syrian missions.

He did say the Canadian air taskforce takes its target lists from the coalition headquarters in Qatar.

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# Crucifix gift causes rift

## BOLIVIAN VISIT

### Crucifix designed by Jesuit activist killed in 1980

Bolivian President Evo Morales' controversial gift of a "Communist crucifix" to Pope Francis threatened to overshadow the Pope's visit to Bolivia on Thursday, with the Vatican and Bolivia both insisting that no offence was intended or taken.

Morales gave Francis the crucifix carved into a hammer and sickle upon Francis' arrival in Bolivia Wednesday, immediately raising eyebrows given Morales'

past attacks on the church and his socialist bent.

It turns out the crucifix was originally designed by a Jesuit activist, the Rev. Luis Espinal, who was assassinated in 1980 by suspected paramilitaries during the months that preceded a military coup. Francis, a fellow Jesuit, stopped his motorcade to pray at the site where Espinal's body had been dumped.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Thursday the Pope had no idea that Espinal had designed the crucifix and was surprised to receive it — a reaction clearly visible in the footage of the encounter. Some reports suggested the Pope told Morales "This isn't good." One of Francis' friends



**Bolivian President Evo Morales presents Pope Francis a gift of a crucifix carved into a wooden hammer and sickle, the Communist symbol uniting labor and peasants. They met in La Paz, Bolivia, Wednesday. L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/POOL PHOTO VIA AP**

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The Bolivian government insisted the gift wasn't a political manoeuvre of any sort, but was a symbol that Morales thought the "pope of the poor" would appreciate. "That was the intention of this gift, and it was

not any sort of manoeuvre ... It was really from great affection, a work designed by the very hands of Luis Espinal," Communications Minister Marianela Paco told the Patria Nueva radio station.

sent a tweet quoting him as saying such. But Lombardi said it wasn't known what the Pope had said.

Lombardi said Espinal had designed the crucifix as a symbol of dialogue and commitment to freedom and progress for Bolivia,

not with any specific ideology in mind. Lombardi said he personally wasn't offended by it.

"You can dispute the significance and use of the symbol now, but the origin is from Espinal and the sense of it was about an open dialogue, not about a

specific ideology," Lombardi said.

He noted the context in which Espinal was living: as a priest working for social justice in Bolivia during a period of instability that preceded a right-wing dictatorship known for human rights abuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Pope changes in Burger King before Mass

Burger King has long been providing quick meals. Pope Francis has now used it for a quick change.

With hundreds of thousands of Catholic faithful waiting, Pope Francis needed a place to don his vestments to celebrate Mass at the Christ the Redeemer square in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. He had just spent more than 30 minutes in his popemobile waving to thousands lining the streets. Alfredo Troche, manager of the Burger King, said the papal entourage approached the restaurant and "asked for help because this was an appropriate place and we had closed" to customers.

Minutes later, during his homily, Francis blasted consumerism. He said that by materialistic logic, everything becomes an object that can be consumed and negotiated.

The company was quick to let the world know of the papal visit. A Facebook post included an image showing the pope beneath a Burger King logo and the words: "There are visits that don't just bring joy to your spirit, but also feed it."

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## IN BRIEF

**Funeral set for girl killed by leaping sturgeon**

Funeral plans are set for a five-year-old Florida girl who died after being struck by a sturgeon that leaped into the boat she was riding in with her family.

Jaylon Leighann Rippey died last Friday, hours after the sturgeon jumped into the family's boat. Officials say the girl's mother suffered facial injuries and her nine-year-old brother suffered a broken wrist.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says this was the first fatality recorded from a sturgeon strike on the Suwannee River in northern Florida.

The fish are known for leaping more than seven feet above the water. They can grow up to eight feet long and weigh up to 200 pounds.

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**Burglary suspect chased by authorities — and a bull**

A bull decided to horn in on the action as authorities chased a suspect in northern Alabama. Sheriff's officials in Marshall County say the burglary suspect was taken into custody after being chased by a bull through a cow pasture.

Marshall County Sheriff Scott Walls says 26-year-old Brad Lynn Hemby was being sought in connection with a burglary Wednesday morning in Arab.

Walls says Hemby tried fleeing deputies by running through a cow pasture and a bull roaming the land joined the chase. Walls says Hemby eventually fell onto a barbed wire fence and surrendered.

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**Vet finds underwear inside dog during surgery**

A U.S. Labrador has some unusual taste buds.

A Pennsylvania veterinarian retrieved 62 hair bands and eight pairs of underwear from the dog's stomach during exploratory surgery.

The head technician at Good Shepherd's Veterinary Hospital told a local TV station that the black Lab named Tiki wasn't responding to medicine for vomiting, diarrhea and a loss of appetite. X-rays showed a mass in its stomach. Last week's surgery lasted two hours.

The dog's owner, Sara Weiss, says Tiki once swallowed a plastic foam dart, but that passed through the dog's system naturally.

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# Rebel flag set to come down

SOUTH CAROLINA

## Governor passes new law three weeks after massacre

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill into law Thursday that will bring down the Confederate flag outside the Statehouse, a move that seemed unthinkable only a month ago in this Deep South state that was the first to secede from the Union.

The law requires the battle flag to be gone within 24 hours; her staff said it would be removed during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday and relegated to the state's Confederate Relic Room.

"The Confederate flag is coming off the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse," Haley said. "We will bring it down with dignity and we will make sure it is stored in its rightful place."

The flag first flew over the Statehouse dome in 1961 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Civil War and was kept there as a symbol of official opposition to the civil rights movement. Mass protests decades later led to a compromise in 2000 with lawmakers who insisted that the flag symbolized Southern heritage and state's rights.

They agreed then to move it



**Maria Calef, of Columbia, S.C., waves a sign as she celebrates in front of the South Carolina statehouse on Thursday.**

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to a 30-foot pole next to a Confederate monument out front. But even from that lower perch, the historic but divisive symbol remained clearly visible in the centre of town, and flag supporters remained a powerful bloc in the state.

The massacre three weeks ago of nine people inside their historic black church in Charleston suddenly changed this dynamic, not only in South Carolina but

around the nation.

Police said the shootings inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church were racially motivated, and by posing with the Confederate flag before the shootings, suspect Dylann Storm Roof, who has not yet entered a plea to nine counts of murder, ignited a debate over the flag's history as a symbol of white superiority and racial oppression.

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REFORM

## Greece meets deadline

Greece finally met a deadline that mattered on Thursday and made a series of sweeping proposals that its creditors needed by midnight to set off a mad rush toward a weekend deal to stave off a financial collapse of the nation.

The package met long-standing demands by creditors to impose wide-ranging sales-tax hikes and cuts in state spending for pensions that the left-leaning Greek government had long resisted.

It raised hopes that Greece can get the rescue deal that will prevent a catastrophic exit from the euro after key creditors said they were open to discussing how to ease the country's debt load, a long-time sticking point in their talks.

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**BRITAIN A ROYAL CHRISTENING** Prince William and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition. Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and nine-week-old Charlotte. MARIO TESTINO/KENSINGTON PALACE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**FESTIVAL GIANT HEAD FAILS TO IMPRESS** A 'Kiliki' or Big Head plays with a crying girl as he takes part on the daily 'Comparsa de gigantes y cabezudos' (Parade of the Giants and Big Heads) parade of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain, Thursday. Kilikis are traditional characters that parade through the streets hitting bystanders with a sponge tied to a stick.

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## Five injured in running of bulls

### SPAIN

### Dozens of Pamplona participants hurt each year

Five Spaniards were injured Thursday as thousands of people raced alongside fighting bulls in the third bull run of Pamplona's San Fermin festival.

Navarra Hospital chief Dr. Javier Sesma said the five were treated for bruises but none was in serious condition.

No one was gored in the 8 a.m. run, which lasted two minutes, 27 seconds.

An Australian was gored Wednesday and two Americans and a Briton were gored in the first run Tuesday.

The nationally televised run sees people racing with six bulls, each weighing some 500 kilograms, along a narrow 850-metre course from a holding pen to the city bull ring.

On Thursday, one bull charged into a group of some 20 participants, tossing and butting many, but did not gore anyone. In another incident, a bull hurled a runner to the ground after hooking a horn in the man's T-shirt from behind.

The bulls are killed by professional matadors in bull-fights each afternoon during the festival.

The nine-day fiesta, which features 24-hour street partying, was made famous in Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel *The Sun Also Rises* and attracts thousands of foreign tourists.

Bull runs are a traditional part of summer festivals across Spain. Dozens are injured each year, mostly in falls.

Two men died recently after being gored by bulls in Spanish festivals — one last Saturday in the eastern town of Grao de Castellon and another June 24 in the southwestern town of Coria.

In all, 15 people have died from gorings in Pamplona since record-keeping began in 1924 for the San Fermin festival.

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### MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE

## No deal to settle refugees

European Union ministers failed Thursday to agree on relocating 40,000 of the refugees making risky boat trips from North Africa to Italy and Greece and will try again later this month to broker a deal on how many people each country will accept.

The stalemate came a day after the UN refugee agency announced that data from Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain showed 137,000 people arriving in those countries between January and June, 83 per cent more than the same time last year. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said 1,867 people died making the crossing, up from 588 a year earlier.

"The debate we've had today has been difficult. It's a very sensitive issue," said Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, whose country hosted Thursday's ministerial meeting. He said ministers will meet again July 20 to try to reach an agreement.

Asselborn said ministers did manage to agree how to distribute 20,000 refugees currently being housed outside Europe, but getting countries to commit to divide up the 40,000 making their way to Greece and Italy over the next two years was a step too far.

"We're not very far from the target but some countries need time to negotiate, time to adjust and that is why today we preferred to defer it to July 20," he said.

The inability to reach an agreement again exposes deep divisions within the EU over how to deal with the huge influx of migrants fleeing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Africa.

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### HOLLYWOOD

## Black leaders abandon support for Cosby

Black civil rights leaders on Thursday called on the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to remove Bill Cosby's star from the Hollywood Walk of Fame, saying it could become a "walk of shame" if his name remains on the storied sidewalk.

Many of the activists largely remained neutral in the controversy until Monday's revelation of court documents obtained by The Associated Press from a 2005 deposition, where Cosby admitted under oath to obtaining Quaaludes with the intent of giving them

to women with whom he wanted to have sex.

Cosby settled a sexual-abuse lawsuit brought by a former Temple University employee for undisclosed terms in 2006.

"Cosby to black America is an icon, but once an icon figure betrays the trust of the community, we have to withdraw our support and condemn their actions," said Najee Ali, who was among those calling for the resignation. "If they don't remove that star, we can call it the walk of shame."

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Roundtable president Earl Ofari Hutchinson echoed his sentiment.

"We were there; we remained silent; but no more," Hutchinson said.

The chamber said it had no plans to remove Cosby's star, and has never removed one before.

"Once a star has been added to the Walk, it is considered a part of the historic fabric of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Because of this, we have never removed a star from the Walk," Chamber of Commerce

president Leron Gubler said in a statement.

Cosby received his star in November 1977, and it's placed in a prominent spot near the busy intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and North Highland Avenue. In 2014, vandals wrote "rapist" three times on the star following allegations of sexual misconduct against the comedian.

Earlier this week, Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla., removed Bill Cosby's statue from its theme park.

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## TOURISM

# U.K. issues travel warning for Tunisia

The British government on Thursday told all U.K. tourists to leave Tunisia because a terrorist attack is "highly likely" and the North African country's government has not done enough to enhance security.

The Foreign Office advised against all but essential travel to Tunisia, a popular holiday destination for Britons. It said British tourists on package holidays should contact their travel agents, which will arrange

flights to bring them home.

Thirty-eight tourists, 30 of them British, were killed on June 26 when a gunman stormed the Tunisian beach resort of Sousse. In March, 22 people died in an attack at the National Bardo Museum outside Tunis.

"While we do not have any information suggesting a specific or imminent threat, since the attack in Sousse the intelligence and threat picture has

developed considerably leading us to the view that a further terrorist attack is highly likely," British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said.

In a statement, his office said the travel advice had been changed because "we do not believe the mitigation measures in place provide adequate protection for British tourists in Tunisia."

On Saturday, more than a week after the Sousse attack,

Tunisian authorities announced a state of emergency and enacted new security measures such as sending more than 1,300 security forces to patrol hotels, beaches and other tourist sites.

Travel company Thomas Cook, which has about 2,000 British customers in Tunisia, said it would be bringing customers back on its 10 scheduled flights this weekend, and use other airlines if needed.

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People queue for buses at Stratford station in London, as commuters struggle to get to work because of a strike which brought London Underground to a standstill, Thursday.

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## Tube strike slows city

LONDON, ENGLAND

**152-year-old subway system shut down for 24 hours**

The choices Thursday in London: take a hike, ride a bike, try to find a bus you like.

Millions of commuters jammed buses, rented bicycles or simply walked for miles to and from work as a 24-hour strike shut down the British capital's famed subway system and threw public transport into chaos.

Train drivers on the London Underground solidly supported the strike in a dispute over pay and schedules that take effect when 24-hour service is introduced on some lines later this year. That unanimity has made this strike more severe than previous ones in which management was able to keep a few Tube lines operating.

Business groups say the strike will cost this city of 8.6 million people tens of millions of pounds (dollars) in lost productivity.

London's subway system, with four million journeys a day, nor-

mally shuts down shortly after midnight, with the overnight shift reserved for track maintenance. While it has operated all night on New Year's Eve, the move to have some lines running 24 hours on weekends marks a huge shift for a 152-year-old system.

London Underground's managing director Mike Brown apologized for the disruption but insisted it was a "remarkably fair" pay offer.

"This strike is unnecessary," he said.

Transport officials say the offer included a two per cent salary increase, a 500 pound (\$770) night Tube launch bonus and an additional 2,000 pound (\$3,080) one-off bonus for night Tube train drivers.

Unions say management is trying to bulldoze new work patterns that will cause stress and wreck the work-life balance of people in critical safety jobs.

Lida Fallah-ardakani, 53, tried to attend a medical appointment she had scheduled five months ago. The journey normally takes an hour, but three hours into her trip Thursday she was still trying to get to St. Mary's Hospital.

"I came out of the house at 6 in the morning. But I am still in the bus to the hospital and I am not sure if I can be seen," she said.

Some commuters supported the strikers.

"You have to take action sometimes when you are up against the ... forces of capitalism," said Tricha Passes, a 58-year-old university lecturer.

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# Tech evolving past humans

## INNOVATION

### Advanced networks too 'unmanageable' for our brains

Technology has become so indispensable that when it breaks down, people's lives go haywire, too.

Computer outages at United Airlines, the New York Stock Exchange and The Wall Street Journal on Wednesday delivered a reminder about our growing dependence on interconnected networks to get through each day.

For the most part, technology has worked smoothly while hatching innovations and conveniences that have made our lives easier and our jobs more productive. Computers, though, could bring more frequent headaches as they link together with billions of other electronic devices and household appliances — a phenomenon that has become known as the "Internet of things."

This technological daisy chain will increase the complexity of



Passengers check into the United Airlines ticket counter at Tampa International Airport on Wednesday, a day in which the airline's network went down. Meanwhile, across the U.S. the Wall Street Journal and New York Stock Exchange both experienced system errors that caused their operations to cease for part of the day. JAMES BORCHUCK/THE TAMPA BAY TIMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the systems and raise the risks of massive breakdowns, either through an inadvertent glitch or a malicious attack.

"The problem is humans can't keep up with all the technology they have created," said Avivah Litan, an analyst at Gartner. "It's becoming unmanageable by the human brain. Our best hope



**Humans can't keep up with all of the technology they have created.**

Avivah Litan, Gartner analyst

may be that computers eventually will become smart enough to maintain themselves."

Technology already is controlling critical systems such as airline routes, electricity grids, financial markets, military weapons, commuter trains, traffic lights and our lines of communications.

Now, computers are taking other aspects of our lives as we depend on smartphones to wake us up in the morning before an app turns on the coffee pot in the kitchen for a caffeine fix that can be enjoyed in the comfort of a home kept at an ideal temperature by an Internet-connected thermostat designed to learn the occupant's preferences.

Within the next few years, we may even be unlocking our doors with high-tech watches after being chauffeured home in robotic cars.

Technology's relentless march demands better security measures to prevent hackers from breaking into systems and more rigid programming standards to reduce the chances of crippling outages, said Lillian Ablon, a technology researcher for the Rand Corp.

"Instead of just letting the technology rush ahead of us and then trying to catch up in terms of privacy and security, we should be baking those things into the systems from the start," she said. "We need to be a little smarter on how we are coding things."

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## IN BRIEF

### Ikea to install electric vehicle charge stations

Ikea Canada aims to be the place to shop for drivers of battery-powered vehicles.

The home furnishings retailer says it is installing charging stations for electric vehicles at all 12 of its stores across Canada.

The company says it is partnering on the project with Sun Country Highway to install two 60-amp charging stations at each location. The rollout is set to be completed by late August, and will be available at no cost to customers on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## AUTO INDUSTRY

### Google, carmakers competing to usher in the self-driving era

Two competing visions could determine how you first experience a driverless car.

Traditional automakers like Mercedes and Toyota already make vehicles equipped with systems that keep cars within their lanes, apply the brakes or park by themselves. Their plan is to gradually automate more functions of driving until, perhaps by 2025, some cars will be fully capable of driving themselves.

But Google, Alibaba, Baidu and other tech companies are aggressively working on their own self-driving vehicles, and could leapfrog the car industry in bringing them to market. Google, for instance, promises to deliver a self-driving car in five years.

Some experts predict that car companies will continue to make the cars consumers buy and park in their driveway, and eventually some will be driverless.

"One thing is clear. The next five to 10 years are going to be the most disruptive we've ever seen in the history of personal transportation," said analyst Karl Brauer of Kelley Blue Book.

But Google says a gradual approach to going driverless is wrong — and even dangerous.

"The prevailing philosophy is that we're going to take the



A computer screen shows what a Google self-driving car sees through the window of a car during an exhibition at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif. in May 2014. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

driver assistance systems that are in the vehicle today and we're going to incrementally make those better and better, and eventually we'll get to this point where we have self-driving cars," Chris Urmson, the director of Google's self-driving car program, said in May at an event in Mountain View. "We fundamentally don't believe that's the case. We believe that's like saying, 'if I work really hard at jumping, one day I'll just be able to fly.'"

Google is currently testing a small fleet of self-driving cars with no steering wheel. It plans to drive the cars thousands of miles on California highways

and back streets, teaching them all the tricks of driving.

Experts find Google's five-year time frame overly ambitious. There are legal and ethical issues to work through before driverless cars go mainstream. Google's cars also require extremely detailed mapping, which has only been done in limited areas.

The demand for autonomous capability is there. Forty-four per cent of U.S. car buyers say they would consider buying a self-driving car in the next decade, according to a recent survey of 1,500 consumers by the Boston Consulting Group.

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## THE KOHLER REPORT: ON ANTI-VAXXERS



### It's like you decided to jump off the bandwagon because you saw it was headed for a cliff.

uneducated tune. While I'm glad they've seen the (potentially deadly) light, I'm irritated to no end that it took a measles outbreak to convince them.

As you may know, in 1998, the Lancet published Dr. Andrew Wakefield's iffy study linking the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism. As you may not know, but probably should, it was retracted in 2012, two years after Wakefield lost his medical licence.

But the rumour spread, much like the measles, and some people stopped vaccinating their children. Now, a disease that the CDC declared eliminated from the U.S. in 2000 is back with 800 new U.S. cases since January 2014. Imagine the last scene of a horror movie: The camera slowly zooms in on a tombstone that reads "Here lies The Measles, 2000." Then, just as you're about to relax, a pock-

marked arm juts out of the ground! TO BE CONTINUED...

It's thanks to those 800 cases that "34% of parents think vaccines have more benefit than they did one year ago." Wow. There was so much proof that the vaccine worked (i.e., lots of people were dying from the measles, and then after the vaccine was introduced, people stopped getting the measles ... anyway, boring!), and so little evidence it caused autism (if one printed lie is evidence). It just blows my mind that people attach themselves to the less-proven, more dangerous element of the story.

Now they're casually, "Yeah, I heard there was a measles outbreak, I guess I see why vaccines work." Eff you! It's like you decided to jump off the bandwagon because you saw it was headed for a cliff.

By the way, if you're still on the fence, did you know Wakefield did part of the

"study" at his own child's birthday party, where he took blood samples from some of the party guests? ("Let's play pin the needle in your vein!") The study was so full of bunk, it's as if people decided to put the health of their children and thousands of others at risk because of a fairy tale.

It's pretty much as ridiculous to me as a child who learns about Santa Claus and then never wants to let him go. Even after finding out, they're still like, "No. I've seen pictures of him in books. He's on my Coke bottle. He's real." And then they have kids and, even though everyone's like, "There's no Santa, you better buy your kids some presents," they're like, "I don't care what billions of people say. Santa Claus is coming to town." But then on Christmas morning, there are no presents and then it's all, "You know what, there might not be a Santa." Yeah, we *told* you.

The only HUGE difference here is that a lack of Santa isn't going to kill anyone.

**Rebecca Kohler** is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca\_kohler

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### The bottle collector and the power of a simple 'Thank you'

There was a man asking for change outside the meat shop the other day.

I gave him a few loonies and a bus token.

Later that day, C. — my boyfriend — passed by the same meat shop and the same man. C. didn't have change, but he was on his way to buy a Jamaican patty.

"Do you want one?" he asked.

"No, I'm vegan," the man said, in all seriousness.

"They have spinach ones," C. countered.

"No ..." the man said, "They're kind of gross."

C. — when he told me this story — smiled and shrugged, "I guess beggars can be choosers."

Fast forward to a recent evening. I was on the front porch with a gin and tonic. A man pushed his bike, loaded with bags, along the sidewalk and stopped in front of the house.

"Bottles?" he asked, and headed toward the recycling bins. With my parents in town, it's been a boozy week, so I told him to hold on and I popped inside to grab wine, beer and gin bottles.

Bottle collectors sweep my neighbourhood daily. One told me he works a 12-hour shift through the night. Most are more likely to say hi to me than many of my neighbours. They're more likely to show concern for my welfare, too.

Last year, I was approaching my house at the same time as one man. It was dark, and I didn't have lights on my bike. The man pointed to his own headlamp. "Lights!" he said, and pointed to my bike. He said something like, "Danger!" — and I knew I was being kindly admonished.

This time, empty bottles in my arms, I came back out to the street to the man waiting for me. "Thank you!" he said. "Good one!" he noted as I passed the tall amber beer bottles. "Thank you!" he said again. "Thank you! Thank you!"

He moved on to the next house, and before he passed out of sight, he waved and called, "Thank you!"

I hadn't been thanked that much all week. I thought how little I know about him, and how much I assume.

I don't know where he goes when his shift ends, whether his family is around, or how he got into the bottle-collecting life. But if I was surprised at his pleasantness, I must have assumed he was unhappy.

I don't know where the man by the meat shop came from, what events collided to land him on that sidewalk, or why he went vegan (if he really is). But if I was surprised at his alleged diet, I must have assumed he was desperate.

In both cases, I was wrong. And in both cases, I have no right to judge.

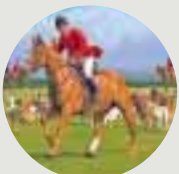
## Happy face/Sad face

From **voyaging viruses** to **frightened foxes**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



### Return of fox hunting has activists howling

Animal-rights activists are braying about the U.K. government's proposal to relax the rules on the controversial sport of fox hunting. David Cameron's Conservative Party wants to allow it in England and Wales, on "appropriate" land and with protection for other animals. MPs are pretty evenly split ahead of Wednesday's vote. Right now, hunters may only flush out and stalk foxes with a maximum of two dogs.



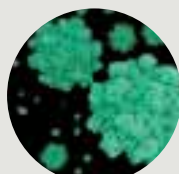
### The Great Canadian beersicle

It brings a whole new meaning to "ice-cold beer." A Fredericton shop has made the ultimate summer refresher: beer freezies. The Dooryard Shandy Sorbet Freezie is made with a local wheat ale, lemon and lime juice and honey sorbet. Most of the alcohol is burned off in the cooking process, so "You're not going to get drunk off them — fortunately," says creator Levi Lawrence. SOURCE: CBC



### Stowaway sickness strikes globe

A once-rare strain of the stomach-flu germ norovirus that broke out in China this winter seems to be hitching a ride around the globe. The virus, called GII.17, has turned up recently in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Kenya. It's contagious but not usually life-threatening, though a global pandemic could easily infect hundreds of thousands. Drug company Takeda is working on a vaccine — a notoriously finicky task in science. SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



### Listen up for good news about hearing

Despite research, there's still little medical treatment (only surgery) available for genetic deafness. That may be about to change. Researchers in the journal Science Translation Medicine have hit upon a possible gene therapy. They used genetically deaf mice in an experiment, and with some biochemical wizardry, were able to stimulate production of a protein that doesn't work in some deaf people. Then when they surprised the unsuspecting rodents with loud noises, the mice jumped — indicating the treatment worked. SOURCE: THE GOOD NEWS NETWORK

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# The dramatic approach

## FILM

### These musical stories are told with panache

#### IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



Asif Kapadia's documentary *Amy* features never-before-seen footage and more than 100 interviews with people from singer Amy Winehouse's personal and professional life. It is a heart-breaking up-close-and-personal look at a woman who, as Tony Bennett says in the movie, didn't live long enough to learn how to live.

Kapadia may be best known as the filmmaker behind the BAFTA-winning documentary *Senna*, but says, "It's funny, but I am really a drama guy."

His docs are structured like feature films. *Amy*, for instance, plays on a few levels, featuring several dramatic arcs. It's a cautionary tale of the effects of international stardom. It's a portrait of drug addiction, exploitation and a woman who looked to men for protection, and chose badly. It's the story of *Amy*, a fiercely talented person who laid her heart bare in her art only to have what should have been her saviour, her music, ultimately be her undoing.

When I asked Kapadia if he looked at other music docs before beginning work on *Amy* he



**Amy Winehouse movie** *Amy* is a documentary structured like a feature film. Critic Richard Crouse looks back at other films about music that give the viewer a look into the personal and creative lives of the subjects. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

said, "I don't have references I look to. I just kind of make it up as I'm going along. For example, in the sequence with the paparazzi, I'm thinking of *Raging Bull*, with flashguns going off. I'm not thinking of a doc where you have someone's life and then they pick up a guitar and sing."

Here's a list of other music bios — some docs, some features

— that take a dramatic approach and give a complete look at the personal and creative lives of their subjects:

#### Anvil! The Story of Anvil

It would be easy to call *Anvil* a real-life *Spinal Tap*.

The story of the heaviest heavy metal band you've never heard of bears a strong resemblance to



the legendary fictional band, but it is so much more than that. It is a story of passion, of trying to beat the odds, of friendship, of hope against hope. It's also quite funny and the music will peel the paint off your home theatre walls.

#### I'm Not There

It's an elliptical and metaphoric

retelling of Bob Dylan's life, but none of the characters in it are called Bob Dylan. Most of them don't look like Dylan, and the one who most looks like Dylan is a woman, played by Cate Blanchett.

Yet I felt I knew more about what makes Bob Dylan tick when I left the theatre than I did about Johnny Cash following *Walk the*

## MOVIE RATINGS

by Richard Crouse

**Amy** ★★★★★  
**Big Game** ★★  
**Batkid Begins** ★★  
**Self/less** ★★

#### HOW RATING WORKS

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★ SKIP IT

Line or Ray Charles after Ray.

#### Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap

A vibrant look at the art of hip hop, the first documentary from Ice-T profiles the passion of the grandmasters of rap: Afrika Bambaataa, Treach Criss, Doug E. Fresh, KRS-One, Dr. Dre and more.

Worth it to hear Snoop Dogg's (now Snoop Lion) songwriting methodology: "I need to smoke a lot of weed, and have a couple girls there because I like looking at them."

#### Get on Up

James Brown was known as many things — The Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother No. 1, Mr. Dynamite and The Hardest Working Man in Show Business — but he preferred to be called Mr. Brown. His rise from poverty to the top of the R&B charts is brought to life in a knockout performance from Chadwick Boseman, who plays Brown from age 16 to 60.

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## THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



## A visit to Calgary is like exploring a Canadian province and five American states all in one trip

Alberta is all about enjoying contrasts in everything from landscapes to food. At right, a course at the River Café and funnel cake.

ALL PHOTOS BY JESSICA ALLEN



I just got back from my first trip to Calgary, where I was filming at the Stampede for my day job. I saw real-life cowboys. I even saw hail — in July! But mostly I saw Calgary as a city of contrasts.

Take the political scene: The 44-year-long PC reign ended back in May when the NDP won the provincial election, not to mention that for the last five years, the young, charismatic, liberal-minded Naheed Nenshi has been mayor. Yet everyone with whom I spoke had something to say about their new bike lanes: mostly that they hated them.

And the Stampede itself — a 10-day-long annual event that's defined the city for nearly 100

years — is a study in contrasts: Cuffs and collars can come courtesy of iconic Lammle's Western Wear or the celebrity-dressing fashion designer Paul Hardy. Entertainment can be found at the Cowboy Casino, where bartenders make Hooters' servers look modest, or at any number of champagne-flowing private events hosted by Big Oil's top brass. And, depending to whom you speak, the Stampede is either a celebration of majestic animals or an abuse of them.

And then there's the food: Sample classic corn dogs, funnel cakes, turkey legs on the Stampede fairgrounds. (Pizza topped with cockroaches *almost* made it on to the menu). Or visit any number of eateries, like the River Café, Model Milk and Charcut, which consistently rank on the country's best restaurants lists, for innovative comestibles on another level.

I did both styles, eating a lob-

ster corn dog, mac and cheese topped with pulled pork and funnel cake one day and devouring four memorable courses at the River Café the next.

Alberta's optics can be confusing — even more so when you consider that the vast province has been the landscape doppelgänger for Montana, Texas, Wyoming and Colorado. Although older films, like *River of No Return* (1954), *Little Big*

*Man* (1970) and *Days of Heaven* (1979) — maybe one of the most beautifully photographed films ever — filmed scenes there, it was Clint Eastwood's Academy Award-winning 1992 film *Unforgiven* that put the province on the map, so to speak.

Legends of the Fall and *Brokeback Mountain* followed. And Christopher Nolan seems to have a special penchant for it: He shot scenes for both *Inception* and *Interstellar* in Alberta.

Most recently, the province doubled as South Dakota when Oscar-winning director Alejandro González Iñárritu hauled Tom Hardy and Leonardo DiCaprio on what's become a notoriously difficult shoot to film scenes for *The Revenant*, which will be widely released next year.

I was only there three days. But I'm going back, not only because I saw just the silhouette of the Rockies from car windows, but also because the people are warm and wonderful and it'll be like exploring a Canadian province and five American states all in one trip. And also, I suppose, because opposites attract.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

## DOUGHNUT-LICKING VIDEO

## Grande fallout

Police said Wednesday they were investigating video that appears to show Ariana Grande licking doughnuts at a shop in Southern California. Earlier, Grande apologized for saying "I hate America" in the same video.

Police in Lake Elsinore, where the doughnut shop is located, said they and Riverside County public health officials were investigating the leaked video, which appeared to show the 22-year-old singer and a man with her "maliciously lick" the doughnuts.

Mayra Solis, 22, a cashier at Wolfie Donuts, said the singer didn't purchase any of the doughnuts she licked. "She was really rude," Solis told *The Associated Press*.

A spokeswoman for the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health said the agency was investigating why the doughnuts were left out unprotected and exposed to the public, in violation of state food laws. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# The voice of a suave villain

## INTERVIEW

### John Hamm joins the ranks of animated in Minions



**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro|Life

Jon Hamm's latest role calls for him to be suave, debonair and have a certain '60s flair. But this is certainly not Don Draper. "That's a stretch," Hamm says of comparing his Minions character with his Mad Men legacy. "Herb definitely has his own style, and I don't think it's very similar to Don's."

But that doesn't mean the character



Hamm lends his voice to the husband of a supervillain in Minions. GETTY IMAGES



**Herb (Jon Hamm) romances Scarlet (Sandra Bullock) in Minions.** UNIVERSAL PICTURES/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doesn't seem a bit, shall we say, familiar. "If

there's an analogy to be made, I think it's closer to Austin Powers, at least from a sartorial sense," Hamm admits. "That was the one thing I was careful about. I didn't want to veer too far into Austin Powers territory."

Hamm gets animated for Minions as Herb, husband to the world's first female supervillain (voiced by Sandra Bullock) and something of a villain himself. The happily married do-bad-ers share a bond and common respect that Hamm found to be entirely un-'60s. "It's almost subversive in a way. It's couched in this sort of cartoony evil sense,

but it's very progressive," he says. "He's very, very comfortable in who he is, and he loves his wife and she loves him right back. That's the really kind of lovely part of their relationship."

Already being a fan of the Despicable Me franchise, Hamm was more than happy to come on board for the prequel focusing on the gibberish-spouting yellow

## LOONEY TUNES

### Learning with Bugs Bunny

A huge animation fan since childhood, Jon Hamm is well aware of the power of children's entertainment.

"I wouldn't know anything about opera if it wasn't for Bugs Bunny. That was my entire introduction to opera music," he says. "It's the combination of the high and the low that I thought was very cool. I had no concept of it as a kid. You just think it's hilarious that Bugs Bunny is a lady Viking. That's funny! And then you realize, 'Why do I know that? Why do I know all of the words to The Marriage of Figaro?' Because of Bugs Bunny." NED EHRBAR/METRO

henchmen. But that doesn't necessarily mean he'd want a set of minions of his own, of course.

"Knowing what I know about how effective they are at doing their jobs, I probably wouldn't assign them any tasks that really needed to be done well," he says. "Like picking up dry cleaning — all of your clothes would be ruined... I would say, 'Go mow the lawn,' and the lawn would be lit on fire, you know? But it would be great if you had one around, just to hang out with."

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Mickey O'Hagan and Kitana Kiki Rodriguez in *Tangerine*. CONTRIBUTED

# Way more than iPhoning it in

## GROUNDBREAKING

### Tangerine's smartphone move perfect for gritty film

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro

After two TV shows, five films and 15 years in showbiz, Sean Baker has finally found success shooting a movie on his iPhone.

"I wish I could say it was born out of the story and an esthetic approach — I would've been impressed with myself," laughed the New York-based filmmaker recently. "But it actually all stems from a budgetary constraint — we just didn't have the money. I'm on my fifth film, I couldn't pull favours

anymore."

As such, Baker (perhaps best-known as one of the creators of TV's *Greg The Bunny*) set out to make *Tangerine* — a movie shot entirely on smartphones and the very first to premiere at the Sundance Film Festival.

"Some mainstream films have been using tiny HD cameras — they just haven't made a big deal of it," said Baker, insisting many movies have adopted non-conventional footage that's enhanced in post-production.

Baker knew the true challenge with engaging audiences was overturning the preconceptions that come with openly admitting your film was entirely shot on iPhones. "Hopefully the reviews that also focus on how good my actors (are) override it," said Baker.

Early reviews have undoubtedly quelled the director's concern.

The gritty comic-drama about a pair of transgender prostitutes trying to hunt down a cheating boyfriend has been lauded for its groundbreaking performances and cinematic texture — factors that Baker admits he hadn't realized until he began filming on mobile devices.

"All the benefits revealed themselves to us as we were shooting," said Baker. "Like the fact that we could shoot more clandestine (and) we wouldn't be intimidating first-time actors with a device that doesn't look like a camera.... Lots of things after the fact made it seem like the obvious choice all along."

Baker may have stumbled into his greatest success through the modesty of a micro-budget, but if *Tangerine* attracts an audience the way it

## FILM NOTES

### Duplass Brothers effect

*Tangerine* has the strong backing of indie film-making icons The Duplass Brothers (*The Overnight*, *The Puffy Chair*), who jumped on early as producers on the project.

"They've been extremely generous in terms of (looking) for filmmakers that they want to be supportive of in some degree and they just make it happen," said Baker. "(Plus) their relationship with film sales and the festivals, it really does go a far way."

### Before there was a script

Baker researched the film by interviewing members of the transgender community in L.A., including lead actors Mya Taylor and Kitana Kiki Rodriguez:

"Mya opened the world to us," admitted Baker. "It was a really collaborative time and really nice experience especially since I had no idea that Kiki and Mya were so incredibly talented." STEVE GOW/FOR METRO

has won over many film critics, his innovative production may yet become the next big trend in Tinseltown.

"Hollywood's already doing elevated found-footage-type movies," reasoned Baker, pointing to the fad that's fathered films like *Paranormal Activity* and *Project Almanac*.

"I think Hollywood is always looking for whatever is hot (so) why not? If they see an opportunity in it, they'll take it."



**I never thought that our little film would actually be received so well.**

Director Sean Baker

## CASTING

### Two stars inspired *Tangerine*

*Tangerine* would never have happened had Baker not met trans women and aspiring performers Mya Taylor and Kitana Kiki Rodriguez at the Los Angeles LGBT Center a few years ago. It was their lives and their deep knowledge of the neighbourhood that inspired and informed the film.

The film is alive with a pulsating energy and is often quite funny, even in depicting an awful day. That humour came directly from Rodriguez and Taylor. Baker describes their banter as a standup comedy

routine come to life.

Bawdy and fast-talking, the two friends are the first to point out that their characters are basically them.

Taylor is the mellow one — talkative and thoughtful even at the tail end of a long day. Rodriguez is the spark-plug. Pretty and manic, she speaks quickly and playfully, peppering her speech with benign expletives followed by coy apologies for her "naughtiness."

Together, the two still even make Baker blush with their brash and occasionally off-

the-rails commentary about anything from police raids on Donut Time to Ryan Gosling.

Baker hopes that people will remember the film for his actresses and not the iPhone.

"There's a lot of talent out there in areas where the industry isn't looking and this is just one more reason to be diverse in casting," he said. "The biggest success for this movie would be for the industry to embrace them — that this is the first chapter, hopefully, in their long careers."

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Pfeifer Brown and Reese Mishler in *The Gallows*, a Warner Bros. Pictures release. HANDOUT

# The Gallows: Ghost of high school past

## INTERVIEW

### Co-directors set their film somewhere truly terrifying

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro in New York City

Internet upstarts-turned-feature film directing duo Travis Cluff and Chris Lofing set their latest project, *The Gallows*, in the already terrifying world of high school theatre. Add in a decades-old tragic accident, the possibility of a vengeful ghost and a darkened, after-hours school setting and you've got something to scream about.

#### Such a unique setting. What sparked the idea?

**Cluff:** You know what? We had thoughts of doing something in a high school setting — because high school is scary enough during the day, and it's even scarier at night when no one is around and the lights are out and you can hear the remnants of what echoes stirred in your high school corridors (laughs).

But we wanted to tell a story that could be relatable

and very fun and also could be a little bit like life imitating art. It sounds a little bit artsy, but we feel like we tried to get a story like that mixed into all of it, and then adding the layers of the scares and the suspense and the thriller on top of that.

So essentially you have this story of this guy who likes this girl, and he goes out of his way and out of his element to be with her, and we follow that story throughout — you know, him expressing his love for her and how he does it and how she accepts it.

#### Did either of you have any experience in high school theatre to inform this?

**Lofing:** Yeah, we both were involved in theatre. I was involved in show choir, so I was always on stage performing. Travis did several plays in high school.

**Cluff:** I've been at rehearsals and stuff after hours, as well, when the school hallways are empty and it is very creepy. It's just different when you're alone.

**With found-footage movies, how much do you have to think about justifying why the characters keep filming as things go terribly wrong?**

**THE PLOT IN BRIEF**  
A HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL OF A PLAY THAT ENDED IN TRAGEDY RESURRECTS THE GHOST OF THE VICTIM

**Cluff:** It was always in our mind. We know that everyone has questions, we wanted to answer all the questions we could or resolve any concern that a person might have. It's very tricky to do in a found-footage film.

**Lofing:** Yeah, it's a constant juggle between making a movie and making it feel legitimate, making it feel real. You're always balancing between those two things, and there's a very fine line that you can tip-toe around.

**There's also something fun about having your primary narrator doing the filming, Ryan, being kind of annoying.**

**Cluff:** He's a mixed bag. Some people say, "I wanted more of him," some people say, "I wanted less," so we figured that's just about right.

**It's always good to have a character where the audience wouldn't feel too terrible were something bad to happen to him.**

**Lofing:** Yes, absolutely (laughs).

## Now playing



### SCI-FI & FANTASY Self/Less

**Director:** Tarsem Singh  
**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Natalie Martinez

A wealthy man dying from cancer undergoes a radical medical procedure that transfers his consciousness into the body of a healthy young man.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** 24% **Audience:** 62%



### ACTION & ADVENTURE Big Game

**Director:** Jalmari Helander  
**Starring:** Samuel L. Jackson, Jim Broadbent

In the rugged countryside of Finland, a 13-year-old witnesses a spectacular crash and discovers the escape pod from Air Force One, containing the U.S. president.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** 74% **Audience:** 38%



### ANIMATION Minions

**Directors:** Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda  
**Starring:** Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm

Minions, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters, find themselves without someone to serve. But one Minion named Kevin has a plan to find a new evil boss.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** 59% **Audience:** 98%



### HORROR The Gallows

**Directors:** Travis Cluff, Chris Lofing  
**Starring:** Cassidy Gifford, Pfeifer Brown

Twenty years after a deadly freak accident at a high school play, a misguided attempt to re-stage the play proves that some things are better left in the past.

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# POTUS with a Big problem

## BIG GAME

**Finn's actioner an homage to the '80s films of his youth**



**Richard Crouse**  
Metro|Life

When Finnish director Jalmari Helander saw his new film *Big Game* at the Toronto International Film Festival's Midnight Madness, he was reduced to tears.

"It was one of the nicest moments of my life," he says on the line from Helsinki. "It was a really big theatre with a lot of people and they were giving it applause in the middle and



**Big Game director Jalmari Helander** CONTRIBUTED

shouting and really loving the film. I was crying in my seat with pure happiness. It was really amazing.

"If you think about rock stars, they play for an audience and get feedback at all times. But for a moviemaker it's really, really rare you can see the reaction of the audience."

The movie is an '80s style POTUS-with-a-problem action



**Onni Tommila and Samuel L. Jackson in the Finnish-made film Big Game.** CONTRIBUTED

flick starring Samuel L. Jackson as the U.S. president stranded by terrorists in the wilds of Finland. He's kept alive by Oskari (Onni Tommila), a teen who

demonstrates his bravery by keeping the president alive despite great odds.

*Big Game* is an homage to the kinds of movies Helander

grew up watching, "the old Indiana Jones films or Spielberg." The kind of films, he says, that "stretch the limits of what's believable and what's not."

Being a director, he adds, also gives him the chance to impart the euphoric feeling he felt the first time he saw *Escape from New York* or *Die Hard*.

"That's the reason I want to make movies, to try and give the same feeling to someone else."

*Big Game's* star is Jackson, but the movie's beating heart is Helander's nephew and favourite actor Onni Tommila, who was just 13 when he shot the film.

The role is very physical, but Onni says the one stunt he was allowed to do was cut from the film and "when I am shooting with the bow that was done in a green screen. It wasn't that cool."

What was cool was working with his co-star. Just not the one you might expect. "At first I was nervous in front of Samuel L. Jackson, but in the end I think I was more nervous in front of my father." His dad co-stars as a villager and they share several scenes together. "I want him to feel like... I can't explain it. In some ways working with my father is harder, but in another way it is easier."

**Rock stars, they play for an audience and get feedback at all times. But for a moviemaker it's really, really rare you can see the reaction of the audience.**

Jalmari Helander on TIFF response to *Big Game*

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# Billy Connolly is the daftest punk of all

WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY

## Scottish actor talks aging and lighting candles for pal Robin

Three weeks before he was to start shooting his new film, *What We Did On Our Holiday*, Scottish star Billy Connolly got a wallop of bad news.

On the same day in September 2013, within a span of hours, he received two major diagnoses: that he had Parkinson's disease and early-stage prostate cancer.

Connolly underwent surgery to remove the cancer and never considered pulling out of the film. In fact, he didn't even tell writer-director duo Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin about his Parkinson's diagnosis, he said.

"It didn't change anything at all," the 72-year-old comedy legend said in a recent telephone interview, noting he had very few Parkinson's symptoms at the time.

"I think they thought I was just getting old, when I sat down a lot, which is quite right. I am getting old."

Connolly even joked that his condition "was very useful" for his role as an ailing grandfather who gets a visit from his son and his fractured family to celebrate his 75th birthday in the Scottish Highlands.

Rosamund Pike and David Tennant play parents who have separated but don't want their extended family to know. Emilia Jones, Bobby Smalldridge and Harriet Turnbull are standouts as his children; Connolly said they deftly handled dialogue that involved a lot of ad-libbing.

The sweet comedy, which was



**Billy Connolly and Emilia Jones in the upcoming film *What We Did On Our Holiday*.** HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

inspired by the BBC show *Outnumbered*, opens at Toronto's Cineplex Varsity Cinemas and Vancouver's Cineplex Fifth Avenue Cinemas on Friday.

Connolly's character has an attitude of acceptance and humour about his illness, which also reflects the way the actor feels.

He said he's just as enthusiastic about life as ever, noting he was once asked by a woman if he wanted to join a society supporting the right to die and his response was an emphatic "No" (preceded by an unprintable expletive).

"You must never give these things an even break, because you certainly find they overwhelm you, and it's all people want to talk about," he said from his home on the Maltese island of Gozo, where he likes to draw.

"You become defined by it. But I've had 45, 50 years without (Parkinson's), so I can get along just fine, thank you very much. And I find it very interesting, especially

in my comedy life, because my mind works differently. It works at a different speed and I find it very exciting."

The late comedy star Robin Williams, who was Connolly's good friend, was said to be suffering from the early stages of Parkinson's disease — as well as depression and anxiety — before he committed suicide in August 2014.

Connolly said he spoke with Williams shortly before his death and he "knew there was some-

**"Sometimes I pick people, and I say, 'You, you're my memory tonight.' They love it."**

Billy Connolly

on ad-libbing while on stage

thing wrong."

"He kept saying that he loved me and asking if I believed him and I said, 'Of course I believe you. Don't be daft,'" said Connolly.

"My wife's a psychologist and afterward she said, 'I think that was him saying goodbye.'"

Connolly said he met Williams in Canada in the 1970s when they were in the studio at the same time for tapings of the CBC-TV talk show *90 Minutes Live*, hosted by Peter Gzowski.

"He's got me going to church, the bugger," said Connolly of Williams.

"Well, I don't go and pray, I go and light a candle for him. And my sister died a couple of weeks ago, so I light two candles."

"It really appeals to me, the flame burning when you leave the building, you know?"

In October, Connolly will take his ad-libbed standup comedy *High Horse Tour* to Canada.

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SELF/LESS

## Karma for sale in new Reynolds film



**Ryan Reynolds plays the reincarnated version of an outrageously wealthy, greedy man in *Self/less*.** HANDOUT

Ryan Reynolds just got back from five weeks in Bangkok, and right away he has to do a junket, solo, for his new film, the sci-fi thriller *Self/less*.

And yet despite jet lag he remains in good spirits, even if junkets aren't at all times an ideal form of communication, and even if the film he's talking about can get heavy.

In it, he plays the reincarnated version of a wealthy greed monster, played by Ben Kingsley, who's so rich he's able to pay a shady company to transfer his consciousness from his dying body to a new one, namely one played by Ryan Reynolds.

**This is a film that really digs into anxieties over mortality and the dissolution of the self. Were those the ideas that most grabbed you?**

Not really. It was the idea of hubris and arrogance and the class system, and all these things that propel a person to say, "Oh, I cocked up the first life. Let me just buy another one."

It's just so vile to think like that. I like seeing characters fall from grace, and I like seeing characters accept or deal with consequences.

Damian actually becomes someone who doesn't know

what to do with his wealth.

There's this quest for thrills that is ever-growing. I know one guy who just does some of the most insane s— you can imagine. Maybe it's because he's experienced so much already. He's bought everything he's wanted. He's always owned the fastest cars, the coolest planes.

After a while it becomes a law of diminishing returns. There's a lack of well-being with these people. Not all of them, just particular ones.

**Self/less seems rare, not only in that it's a character-driven, ideas-driven sci-fi movie, but also that it's a one-off, not a franchise movie. I can't imagine there being a *Self/less 2*.**

Oh God, no! But that's great, isn't it? It's refreshing that there are some films like that still. It's scary, because everything's a franchise now. It does kill off the one-off movies — the small films by Screen Gems or Focus Features. It's getting harder and harder to finance those movies. I'm worried for the future, in the sense that one day, 12 months a year it's just going to be franchise films. Even at awards season it will be franchise movies that will collect all the gold.

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# Private poet's life now public

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## 1 The Homestead, 280 Main St.

This yellow mansion, built by Dickinson's grandfather, was the poet's home for most of her life. She was born and died there. Now it is one half of the Emily Dickinson Museum. Visitors can enjoy a tour and stand in the light-filled bedroom where Dickinson wrote and lowered baskets of gingerbread from her window to children below. The museum has a wonderful shop for all things Emily — dolls, books, T-shirts, notecards, posters and fridge magnets.



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## 2 The Evergreens, Main Street

This Italianate villa lies across the garden from The Homestead and is the other half of the Emily Dickinson Museum. This was the home of Dickinson's brother Austin and his wife Susan, Emily's dearest friend. This is a house of atmosphere — it retains its Victorian decor and much of Austin and Sue's paintings and furniture.



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## 3 Jones Library, 43 Amity St.

The library's Emily Dickinson Room houses a large collection of Dickinson-related items, including an eclectic exhibition of Emily-related memorabilia. You can see, among other things, her original calling card, first editions of her posthumously published poetry collections, and a set of cameo buttons that belonged to the poet.



FLICKR: MELVIN MASON

## 4 West Cemetery, Triangle Street

The graveyard where Dickinson is buried is a tree-filled oasis off North Pleasant Street. Here you can see the Amherst History Mural with Dickinson at its heart. Here, too, is the Dickinson family plot, framed by a black wrought-iron fence, where Emily rests with her parents and sister. Brother Austin is buried at Wildwood Cemetery. Fans leave mementoes on and beside Emily's grave, including toys, flowers and handwritten notes.



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## 5 Amherst History Museum, 67 Amity St.

Many people are familiar with Dickinson's white dress, and this lovely museum has it on display in a glass case. The dress, known as a wrapper or house dress, is made of dimity, has handy pockets and a row of mother-of-pearl buttons. (The Emily Dickinson Museum displays a replica of the same dress.)

**Nuala O'Connor is the author of historical fiction novel *Miss Emily*, to be published on Tuesday.**



# Bombers look to prevent encore Cato performance

CFL

## Rookie QB picked apart Stamps defence last week

Rakeem Cato showed last week that dynamite comes in small packages.

Whether the Montreal Alouettes' latest starting quarterback can blow up the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' struggling defence Friday remains to be seen.

But the way the six-foot, 178-pound Cato dissected the Calgary Stampeders' defence in his CFL debut 29-11 win last week has the Bombers (1-1) on their toes.

"There's not a lot of film of him, but I watched him last year at Marshall light it up so he does have the ability to do it," Bombers defensive end and former NFLer Jamaal Westerman said Thursday after Winnipeg's walk-through practice.

"You've just got to prepare, prepare, prepare and try to keep him contained because you don't want to let him get going a little bit."

Cato completed 20 of 25 pass attempts for 241 yards and three touchdowns versus the defending Grey Cup-champion Stampeders to give the Als (1-1) their first win of the season.

The 23-year-old rookie was

## WEEK 3 PICK



### Alouettes at Blue Bombers, 6 p.m. Friday

Drew Willy starts for Winnipeg (1-1) after being knocked from last week-end's 52-26 loss to Hamilton, the result of a helmet-to-helmet hit. The Bombers struggled without Willy as backup Brian Brohm had two picks returned for TDs. Rookie Rakeem Cato was impressive in his CFL debut in Montreal's 29-11 win over the Grey Cup-champion Calgary Stampeders. Winnipeg does have recent game film on Cato and should be eager to atone for its last game.

**Pick:** Winnipeg

a standout at Marshall University, finishing his career last year with a school-record 14,079 passing yards and 131 passing touchdowns.

Westerman said he did some broadcasting work for his alma mater Rutgers University last year and saw a lot of college ball, including Cato on the field.



Quarterback Rakeem Cato had a sparkling CFL debut last week in leading the Alouettes past the Stampeders. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS



## I won't have any fear out there.

Drew Willy who will be back under centre after he took a helmet-to-helmet hit last week

"He played well," Westerman said. "I mean, he was up for the Heisman I think early in the season until he I think lost

a game later or something, so he can make the plays."

Winnipeg's defence has given up more than 900 yards

in two games and is looking to be stingy against the newcomer.

Cato finds himself the team's starter after shoulder injuries to Jonathan Crompton (six-game list) and backup Dan LeFevour (out for the season).

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## IN BRIEF

### LeBron, Cavaliers agree on new contract

Just shy of the one-year anniversary of his celebrated homecoming, LeBron



LeBron James  
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James told the Cavaliers he's staying put.

James agreed to terms of a one-year, \$23 million contract for next

season, two people familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press on Thursday. The deal includes a player option for 2016-17, said the persons who spoke on condition of anonymity because James has not yet signed the contract.

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### Olesen posts 7-under 63 to lead Scottish Open

Thorbjorn Olesen returned to form with a 7-under 63 to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the Scottish Open on Thursday, with Jimmy Walker leading a trio of top Americans in the chasing pack.

Rebounding from missing the cut in five of his last six events, Olesen made seven birdies - including three in a row on Nos. 15-17 - and was bogey-free in benign conditions for the morning starters over the Gullane links.

Daniel Brooks of England birdied the final hole to take sole ownership of second place at 6 under.

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Serena Williams can win her fourth consecutive major title with a victory on Saturday. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WIMBLEDON

# Serena easily dispatches Sharapova

Her game in high gear, history in the offing, Serena Williams is perfectly content to let everyone else talk about what a victory in the Wimbledon final would mean.

A "Serena Slam" of four consecutive major titles. The third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam. A 21st major singles trophy, one short of the Open-era record.

For now, the No. 1-seeded Williams is keeping her thoughts to herself, declaring she won't entertain questions about those topics, even after easily dismiss-

ing No. 4 Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals at the All England Club on Thursday to close in on the milestones.

"I don't want the pressure of that, and I'm not thinking of that. When you talk about it every time, you can't help but think about it," Williams said. "It's been OK just to free my brain from that."

Whatever works. Clearly, Williams is doing plenty right at the

moment. Particularly against Sharapova, whom she's beaten 17 times in a row.

Williams hit 13 aces, reaching 123 m.p.h. Fewer than half her serves were put in play. She never faced a break point, and was pushed to deuce just once on her serve.

In sum, Williams made Sharapova look like some sort of middle-of-the-pack wannabe, rather than the five-time ma-

jor champion, career Grand Slam owner and former No. 1 that she is.

"Nothing to do with Sharapova," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "She does this to most of the top 10 players. It's true. She's dominating the game for a long time."

On Saturday, with so much at stake, Williams will face No. 20 Garbine Muguruza of Spain, who advanced to her first Grand Slam final by eliminating No. 13 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The number of winners Williams had against Sharapova, who managed just nine.

# Rugby sevens looking to spark Canadian interest



Rugby sevens captain Jen Kish and the Canadian women's team open up the Pan Am Games tournament against Colombia on Saturday in Toronto. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## PAN AM GAMES

### Women's team hope to follow in footsteps of soccer success

Canadian rugby captain Jen Kish, as most athletes in Toronto do, wants to leave the Pan Am Games with a gold medal around her neck. But her entire rugby sevens team also wants to win something far less tangible while they're in Toronto: The support of a nation.

That's what the women's soccer team won at the London Olympics, along with its bronze medal, and, as a consequence, played to packed crowds on home soil at the Women's World Cup.

"To see how the women's soccer team has bloomed from medalling in the last Olympics,

it's amazing and we're very envious of that. We always say to each other, 'That's going to be us one day,'" Kish said.

"As rugby continues to build in Canada and people start to learn rugby and get excited about it come Rio, where we have a good potential of medalling, I think the same thing will happen."

This is the debut of women's rugby in any multi-sport Games and, for many Canadians, the first taste of what they could see during the 2016 Rio Olympic tournament. Canada's women have already qualified to play there.

But the very thing that made the sevens game so appealing to the International Olympic Committee — the speed of the game and its short tournaments — doesn't give players much time to develop new fans.

In the Women's World Cup, the Canadians played five soccer matches over three weeks. This weekend at the Pan Am

Games, Canada's rugby players will hit the pitch for that many matches in just two days. Then, if all goes well, their sixth match will be Sunday night for the gold medal.

The men's two-day sevens tournament runs alongside the women's matches at Exhibition Stadium, Toronto.

"It's bang for your buck," Kish said of their speedy and action-packed-filled tournament days.

"If you have a short attention span, it's a great sport for you."

Each game is 14 minutes long except for the gold-medal round, when exhausted players are "rewarded" with a 20-minute game.

Every minute is action-packed — tackle, pass, sprint, repeat — and, with each converted try worth seven points, the lead often trades back and forth.

It's a fast and unpredictable game.

That's what Rugby Canada hopes the nation will fall in love with. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## + WHAT TO WATCH

### Games take Toronto area

The wait is over. After years of planning and preparation, the Pan Am Games have landed in Toronto.

### FRIDAY

The opening ceremony starts Friday at 7 p.m. at Rogers Centre. A crowd of 45,000 will be wowed by Cirque du Soleil. CBC will broadcast the event.

### SATURDAY

The Games' starting pistol sounds Saturday at 8 a.m., with the first medals being awarded in women's 400-metre canoeing. Canada's golden paddler, Adam van Koeverden, will also be hitting the water for the men's kayak sprint.

Canada's men's rugby team starts its gold medal defence Saturday at 11 a.m., squaring off against Guyana.

### SUNDAY

Sunday's marquee is undoubtedly men's soccer, with the Canadian team facing stiff competition from Brazil in Hamilton. The game kicks off at 7:35 p.m.

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**Good luck to the athletes in the Pan Am Games!**



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**TRAINING GRACE ON WHEELS** The United States' Courtney Donovan trains at the roller figure skating venue for the Pan Am Games at Exhibition Centre in Toronto on Wednesday. The event gets underway this weekend.

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#### TOP CONTENDERS

## Americans boast lots of Olympians

The U.S. Olympic Committee has announced a 623-member team for the Pan American Games.

That number will be trimmed slightly, however. The preliminary 24-player men's basketball team will be reduced to 12 by July 15. And one male and one female replacement athlete are expected to be named in the coming days for track and field to complete the team.

The U.S. team, which has finished first in total Pan Am medals in all but one appearance, is smaller than Canada's 720-member squad.

"Every four years the Pan American Games afford U.S. athletes the rare opportunity to represent their country in a multi-sport setting outside the Olympic Games," USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said in a statement Monday.

"Some of the most decorated U.S. athletes in their sports will be competing alongside athletes representing the United States for the first time, and I'm confident this group will make our nation proud. The



**American swimmer Natalie Coughlin, a winner of 12 Olympic medals, will compete in Toronto.** GETTY IMAGES FILE

Pan Am Games are especially important for the 10 sports that have direct Olympic qualification on the line, and we are excited to support all our athletes in every way possible."

The U.S. Pan Am squad features 111 Olympians, including 38 Olympic medallists and 20 Olympic champions.

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# Canadian BMXers are ready to ride

#### PAN AM GAMES

## Centennial Park in Etobicoke to host races

Tory Nyhaug shrugs because it's so obvious. A gold medal at the Pan Am Games would be a premier feather in his cap — rather, in the goggle strap around his full-face helmet.

The 23-year-old out of Coquitlam, B.C. is perhaps Canada's best hope for a podium finish in the BMX event. He won the national title last week — his fifth straight victory — and feels he's primed to perform to his highest ability at the newly-built Centennial Park race track in Etobicoke, where the first heats of the event will begin Friday.

"To compete in a major event in Canada is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so it's going to be exciting," said Nyhaug. At ninth place, he is currently the highest seeded Canadian in the BMX rankings.

"It's not like a typical race where you have to spend every minute trying to figure out the track. We already kind of know the track," he continued. "I'm just going to race the best I can and hopefully at the end I'm in the final and going for a podium."

Nyhaug was among the four racers competing for Canada who were introduced to the media in Toronto on Wednesday. He is the only member to have raced in the Olympics: he rode in London in 2012 but failed to advance to the semi-finals, just weeks after



**Tory Nyhaug**

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

he ruptured his spleen for the second time at a BMX event and had the organ surgically removed. Since then, Nyhaug has cracked the podium on the world cup circuit several times, claiming a career-best silver at the 2014 world championships.

The team includes Jimmy Brown and Daina Tuchscherer, who are both from Airdrie, Alta., as well as Amelia Walsh, who has won three straight Canadian titles and is the highest ranked Canadian woman in the world at 26th.

But the competition will be fierce. Some of the best racers in the sport are suiting up for the Pan Ams, including No. 2-ranked American Connor Fields and Colombia's Mariana Pajon, the top-seeded female BMXer in the world and gold medalist at the London Olympics.

Nyhaug cautioned that, though the Canadians are familiar with the track, their opponents have all week to practise on it and will be ready to go when qualifying time trials start on Friday.

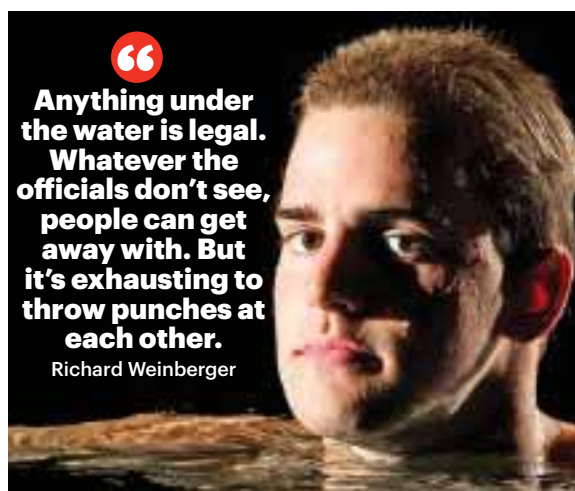
"On race day, it's all going to be equal," he said.

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**Tory Nyhaug competed in the men's BMX cycling at the London 2012 Olympic Games.**

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**“Anything under the water is legal. Whatever the officials don't see, people can get away with. But it's exhausting to throw punches at each other.”**

Richard Weinberger

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#### OPEN-WATER SWIMMING

## Pedal to the metal for Weinberger

After yet another marathon training session in his home pool in Vancouver, Richard Weinberger slips on an Amon Amarth T-shirt and gets ready to chat.

Olympic medallist, open-water swimmer and Swedish melodic death metal band come together in one sleek surfer dude package.

"I went to the concert with my sister," Weinberger said enthusiastically. "It was pretty awesome."

Viking metal — Amon Amarth comes from the Sindarin name of Mount Doom in The Lord of

the Rings — has not always been the music of choice before competition for the mellow 25-year-old. Trance or progressive house used to be his pre-race soundtrack. "Recently I'm into more of a darker metal phase," he explained. "I bounce back and forth."

Weinberger may be cueing up Amon Amarth on Sunday as he looks to defend his Pan American Games title.

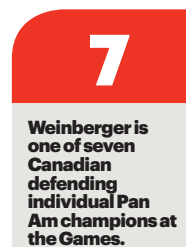
Weinberger, who won Olympic bronze in 2012, and his fellow open-water swimmers will race six 1.67-kilometre laps at the Ontario Place west channel. Swimming 10 kilometres in open water might seem like a watery Mount Doom for most. But Weinberger embraces his gruelling discipline. He likes the strategy of the race and just likes to challenge himself.

"It's pretty brutal but you're normally caught up in the race. You have a lot of distractions."

Weinberger says there are mental highs and lows in every race, which are balanced by the hours of training. Then there are the other swimmers. Open-water racing can be a contact sport.

"Anything under the water is legal," he said. "Whatever the officials don't see, people can get away with. But generally you're working on efficiency and strategy. It's very exhausting to throw punches at each other."

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# Jays can't swim with Shark

MLB

## Samardzija outduels Dickey with 4-hit shutout

Jeff Samardzija kept the Chicago White Sox on a roll.

Samardzija, nicknamed Shark, had a four-hitter, Melky Cabrera homered and the White Sox shut out the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0.

The White Sox have won seven of nine and are starting to look like the team many thought would contend for a playoff spot this season.

"If we go out and do our job, we know what the outcome is gonna be," Samardzija said. "If we don't, and we don't have a strong last couple weeks of the month, we know what results gonna be, too."

"It's in our hands here in the clubhouse and we need to take care of it."

Samardzija (6-4) took care of things against the high-powered Toronto offense. He took a no-hitter into the sixth inning for a second straight



White Sox pitcher Jeff Samardzija reacts to throwing a complete-game shutout over the Blue Jays in Chicago on Thursday. JEFF HAYNES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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game. It was his first complete game of the season. He struck out slugger Jose Bautista to end the two-hour, 15-minute

game and threw 108 pitches.

"He's got a good, overpowering, live fastball and he's got a great slider," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

"He threw the slider behind in the count and the good ones can do that. He's easily one of the most sought-after guys out there."

Samardzija, who has been linked to trade rumours in-

volving the Blue Jays, has pitched at least seven innings in seven straight starts, but Thursday was the first time during that stretch he was able to get through the eighth inning. He had just one win during that span before Thursday.

"He was sharp, he was aggressive in the zone," Chicago manager Robin Ventura

## + BACK AT EVEN

The Blue Jays (44-44) dropped to .500 for the first time since June 9 when Toronto was 30-30.

said. "His competitiveness is always there. That's probably the biggest thing that sticks out when you watch him pitch, emotionally and everything else."

Toronto's R.A. Dickey (3-10) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings.

Ryan Goins singled to right field with one out in the sixth inning to end Samardzija's no-hit bid.

Goins was later stranded at third base when all-star Josh Donaldson ground into an inning-ending double play.

The White Sox took the lead in the bottom of the sixth. Adam Eaton led off with a triple and later scored on a passed ball as catcher Russell Martin missed Dickey's knuckleball. Cabrera then made it 2-0 with a solo shot into the right-field bullpen.

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## MLB IN BRIEF

### Ventura helps Royals cap four-game sweep of Rays

Lorenzo Cain and Salvador Perez hit two-run homers, Yordano Ventura went five innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-3 on Thursday to finish off a four-game sweep.

Ventura (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits and three walks, striking out four. It was his first start since June 12, when an elbow condition began.

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### Tanaka pitches Yanks past A's, Gardner named all-star

Masahiro Tanaka allowed two hits over 7-2/3 innings, Brett Gardner hit a first-inning home run and learned midgame he had been picked for his first All-Star team, and the New York Yankees rallied past the Oakland Athletics 6-2 Thursday.

Tanaka (5-3) ended a four-start winless streak, the longest drought of his 1-1/2-year major league career. Gardner had his seventh three-hit game this season.

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## RECIPE Chicken in Wild Mushroom Sauce



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Prep time: 10

Cook time: 16

#### Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breast, pounded
- 4 tsp vegetable oil, divided
- 3 cups sliced oyster mushrooms (approx. 8 oz)
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 2/3 cup chicken stock
- 2/3 cup 2% evaporated milk
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

#### Directions

1. Combine flour, cheese, salt

and pepper on plate. Coat chicken on both sides.

2. In a large skillet, add 2 tsp oil and sauté chicken for four minutes, turning once. Remove and set aside. Add remaining 2 tsp oil and sauté mushrooms for five minutes just until cooked and no moisture is left. Add garlic and sauté one minute.

3. Add wine to mushrooms and sauté for one minute or until almost evaporated.

4. In a bowl, combine stock, milk, mustard and flour until combined. Add to skillet with mushrooms, add chicken, cover and simmer on lowest heat for five minutes, turning once or until sauce is slightly thickened. Do not cook on higher heat or milk will curdle. Garnish with parsley.

#### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 370
- Protein 43.5 g
- Total fat 11.4 g

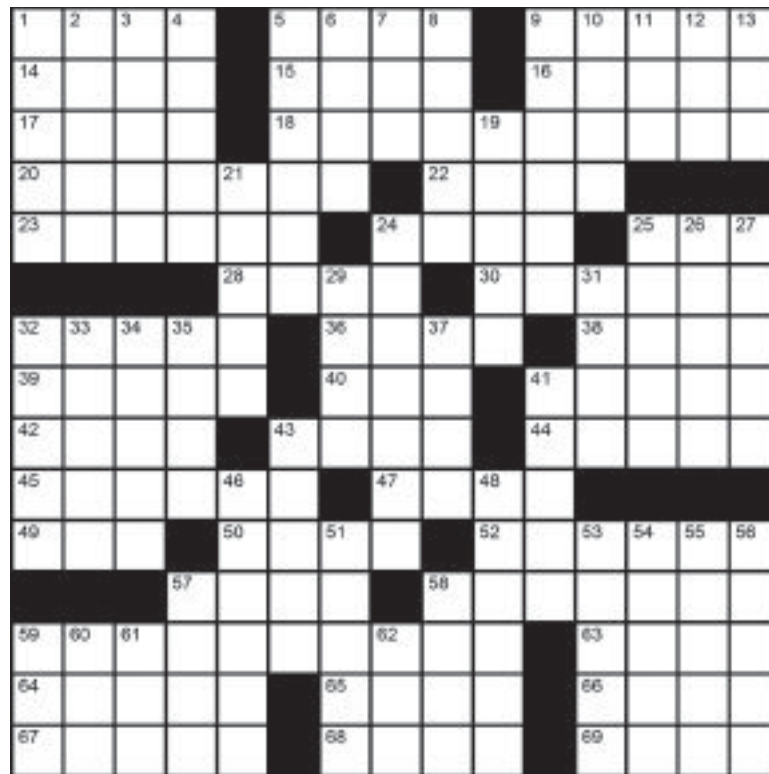
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Relaxed running pace
5. 'Hypn' suffix
9. '80s rockabilly hit: "\_\_\_ Cat Strut"
14. Reykjavik is its cap.
15. Katy Perry hit
16. Angered
17. Gotchas!
18. 2015: Every-four-years sporting event that's in Toronto this summer: 3 wds.
20. Hoped-for candidate on a matchmaker's list: 2 wds.
22. Goofball
23. Singer/actress Ms. Gomez
24. Ancient queen of Greek mythology
25. Key above Caps Lock
28. Grimm opener...
30. Light up, in verse
32. Montreal \_\_\_ (Where the Canadiens once played)
36. Nameless [abbr.]
38. "Ah, me."
39. Picture
40. Glamorous getaway
41. Life sign
42. Man on the Moon
43. Convene
44. That is, in Latin: 2 wds.
45. Fire up
47. Blue-green
49. Enunciate
50. Mr. Estrada



52. Understated
57. Slumps
58. Headache pill
59. Magical password!: 2 wds.
63. Three-\_\_\_ sloth
64. "Dawson's Creek" actress
65. Stratford-\_\_\_Avon
66. "No Particular Place \_\_\_" by Chuck Berry
67. Conform
68. Formerly, fancily
69. Disgorge

### DOWN

1. Mr. Hems-worth's
2. Earth tone
3. "\_\_\_ Harbor" (2001)
4. Vintage dairy products cow
5. "\_\_\_ Black" (TV

- show starring Canadian actress Tati Maslany)
6. Perfectly: 2 wds. + letter
7. Mr. Fleming, James Bond creator
8. Pet rocks, for one

9. Indicate
10. Cafeteria carrier
11. Clash
12. Lunched
13. "Okay."
19. Comedian/actor Cheech
21. Pointed-hat garden ornament
24. Nag
25. Tutu textile
26. Accumulate
27. Hassle
29. Pillow's packaging
31. Glorify
32. Done, in Montreal
33. \_\_\_-3 fatty acids
34. Forecast on an in-need-of-umbrella day
35. Kind of citrus fruit
37. Like Cheerios
41. WWII-era model
43. Unify in the corporate world
46. Silverware service: 2 wds.
48. Acquiesce
51. Debated dispute
53. Ship's mooring posts
54. Soldiers group
55. Vassal
56. Fund
57. Trim
58. Tunestress
59. Quebec-made cheese
60. Launch site
61. Helios' 'H'
62. Calendar abbr.

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Your feelings for a certain individual will reach a peak. However, the planets warn that this may not be the best time to reveal your true intentions — keep them secret just a little while longer.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Saturn urges you to face up to problems in your most important relationships. You need to bring resentments into the open where they can be dealt with once and for all.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You must take care of duties and responsibilities that should have been taken care of long ago. You've put them off long enough — now it's time to knuckle down.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
The planets warn you need to be careful who you let into the secrets of your heart. It could be you have a rival for the object of your affections. Don't let them know how you feel.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
What happens today will touch you deeply and magnify your feelings — you may not be able to control yourself. If you lose your cool you must make amends as soon as possible.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't let anyone tell you what you should and should not be doing. Cosmic activity urges you to have a good time socially whether or not loved ones or authority figures approve.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
No matter how hungry you are for fame and fortune you must not cut corners or take liberties. If you want success to last you must make sure it has strong foundations.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
If a friend or work colleague proposes that you do something different over the next few days don't dismiss the idea out of hand. You may be a creature of habit but sometimes it is good to go off at a tangent.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
The planets suggest you will be somewhat unyielding today. Be warned, however, that if it comes down to a battle of wills you are likely to be the long-term loser.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You have many great ideas but before you start working on any of them it might be wise to seek the opinions of people you trust. There may be something small but important that you have missed.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You may be tempted to lay down the law with someone who did a poor job or let you down, but is that really the best approach? Find out why they failed. Maybe they need help.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Cosmic activity makes you both dynamic and relaxed about life and with a combination like that you are sure to succeed.

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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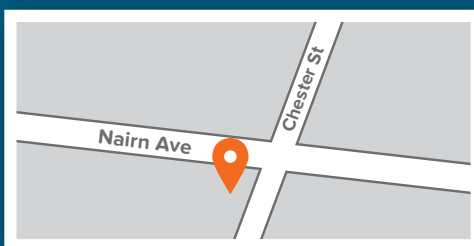
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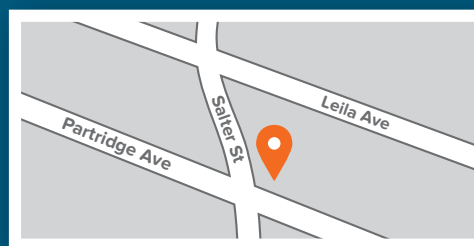
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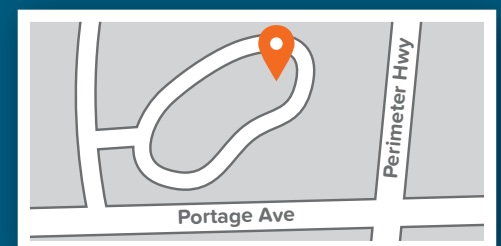
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